

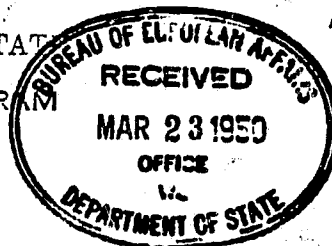
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24-hour general strike in Wallonia, voted yesterday by
FGTB regional offices Liege, Charleroi, Mons, La Louviere,
Brussels, now officially approved by FGTB bureau and
national committee for March 24.

March 24 strikes do not imply that FGTB believes King's
return more imminent than last week. Change in tactics
has now advanced general strike to "ultimate warning"
category instead of saving it solely to greet Leopold
on return. National committee also approved "in principle"
unlimited general strike in future and empowered FGTB
bureau to decide appropriate moment when and if all FGTB
forces in country are to be concentrated in ultimate at-
tempt.

states that if general strike ineffective
and Leopold actually returns, social unrest may well
increase rather than decrease. Ant! Leopold action then
would take form of extreme social demands in addition to
passive resistance already reported.

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All FGEB members are now digging in pockets to give equivalent of one day's salary to support Friday's rehearsal strike.

Although Communists adopt violent anti-Leopold campaign officially in DRAPEAU [REDACTED] has a report, not yet substantiated but which he believes, to effect Communists were instructed by party leaders to vote "oui" in popular consultation in hope of creating evenly balanced sides and hence prolonging present intense struggle. B-1

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